CITY OF AUSTIN Board of Adjustment/Sign Review Board Decision Sheet

| D | ATE: Monday, September 8, 2014 Jeff Jack | CASE NUMBER: C15-2014-0117 |
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| | Ricardo De Camps | |
| | Bryan King | |
| _ | Vincent Harding Melissa Hawthorne | |
| _ | Sallie Burchett | |
| 0 | WNER/APPLICANT: M. Wylie and A.Wright | t |
| A | DDRESS: 1106 ALGARITA AVE | |
| 28 fre fe | ARIANCE REQUESTED: The applicant has 5-2-492 (D) (Site Development Regulations) om 5 feet (required) to 1 foot (requested) in need deck and stairs in a "SF-3-NP", Famioning district. (South River City) | to decrease the side yard setback order to maintain an elevated. |
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If you use this form to comment, it may be returned to

Leane Heldenfels City of Austin-Planning & Development Review Department/ 1st Floor

P. O. Box 1088

Or fax to (512) 974-2934 Austin, TX 78767-1088

Or scan and email to leane.heldenfels@austintexas.gov

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Your address(es) affected by this application 1 クになるにな Z

Signature

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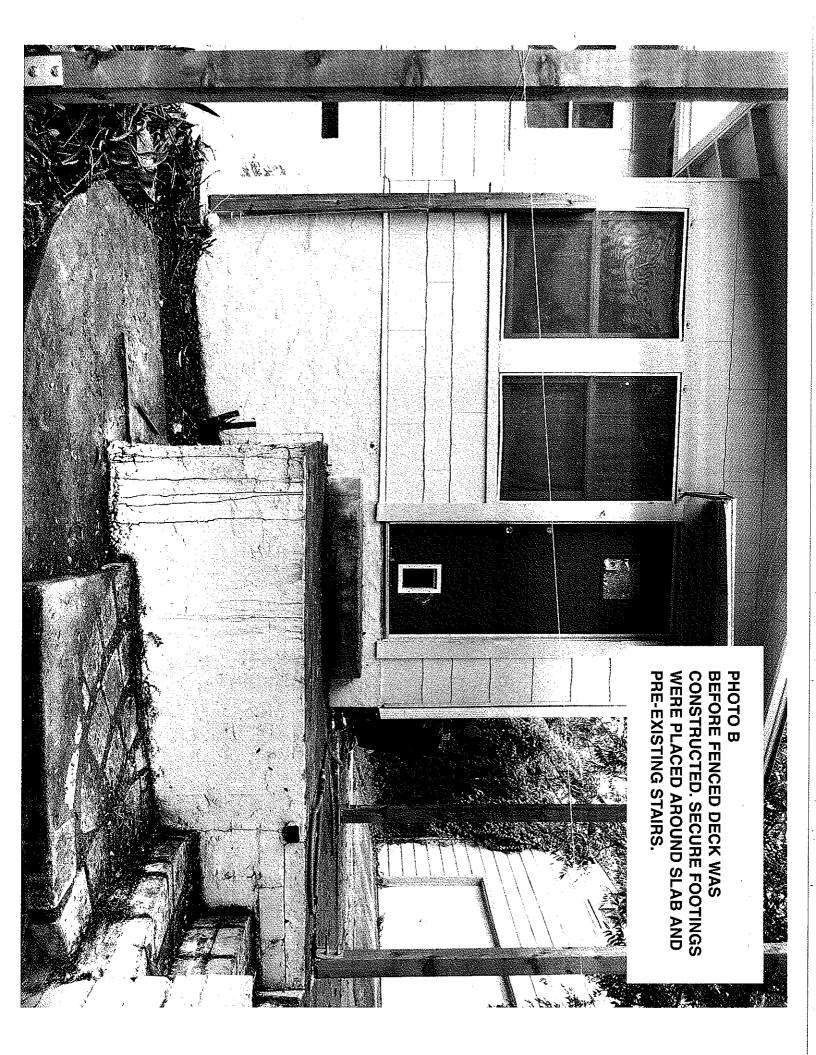
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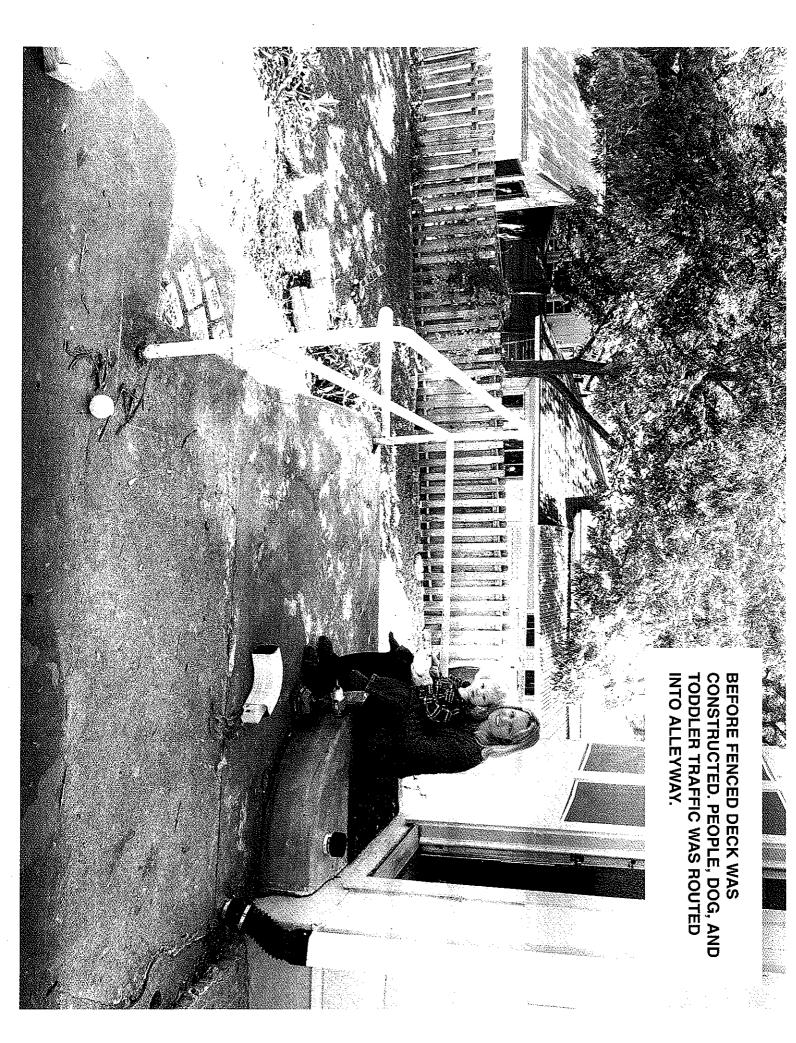
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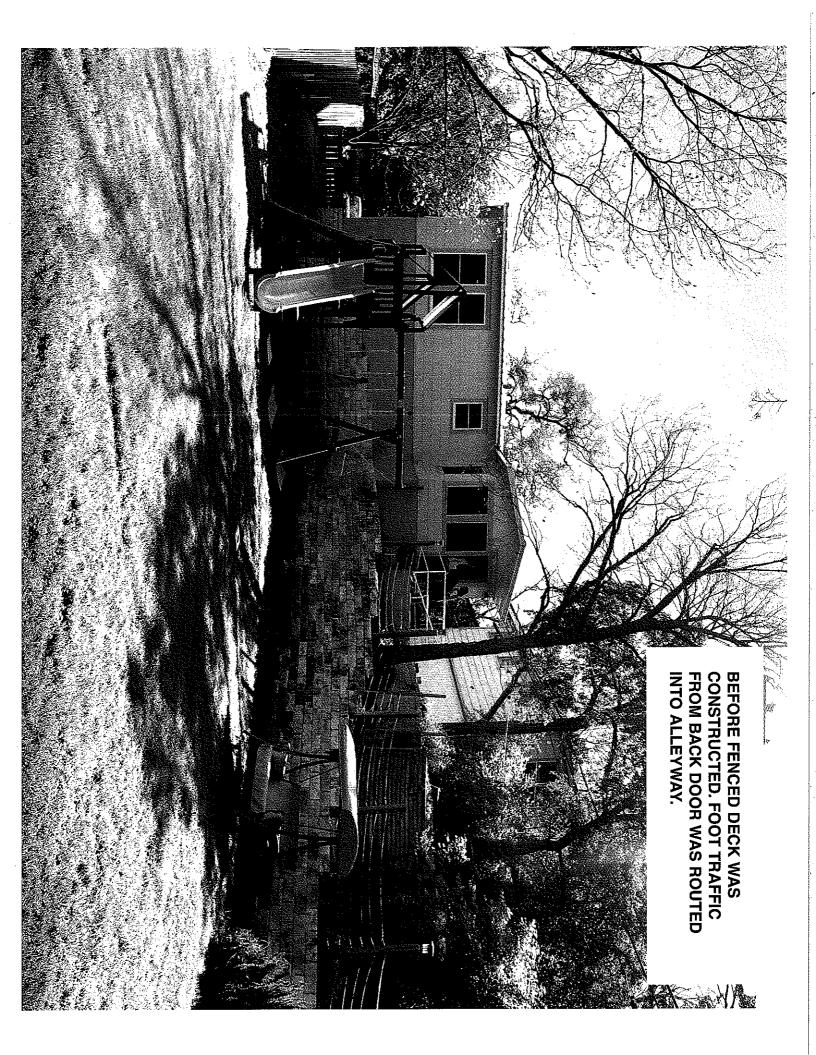
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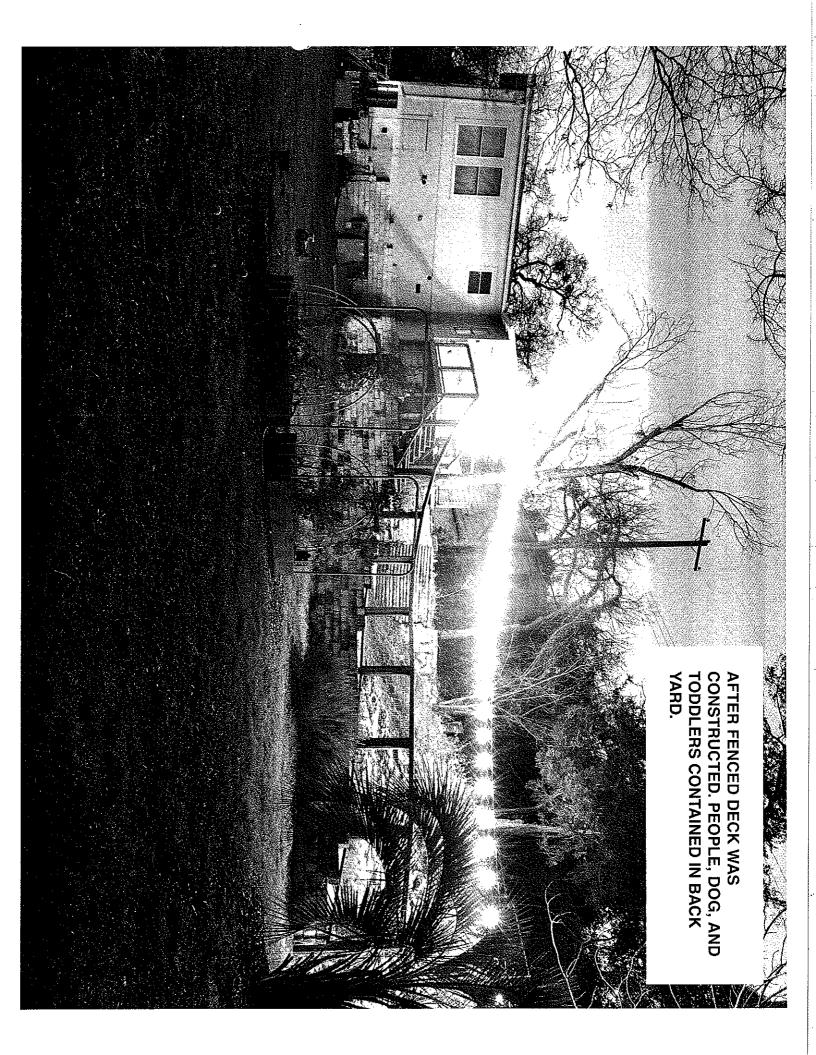


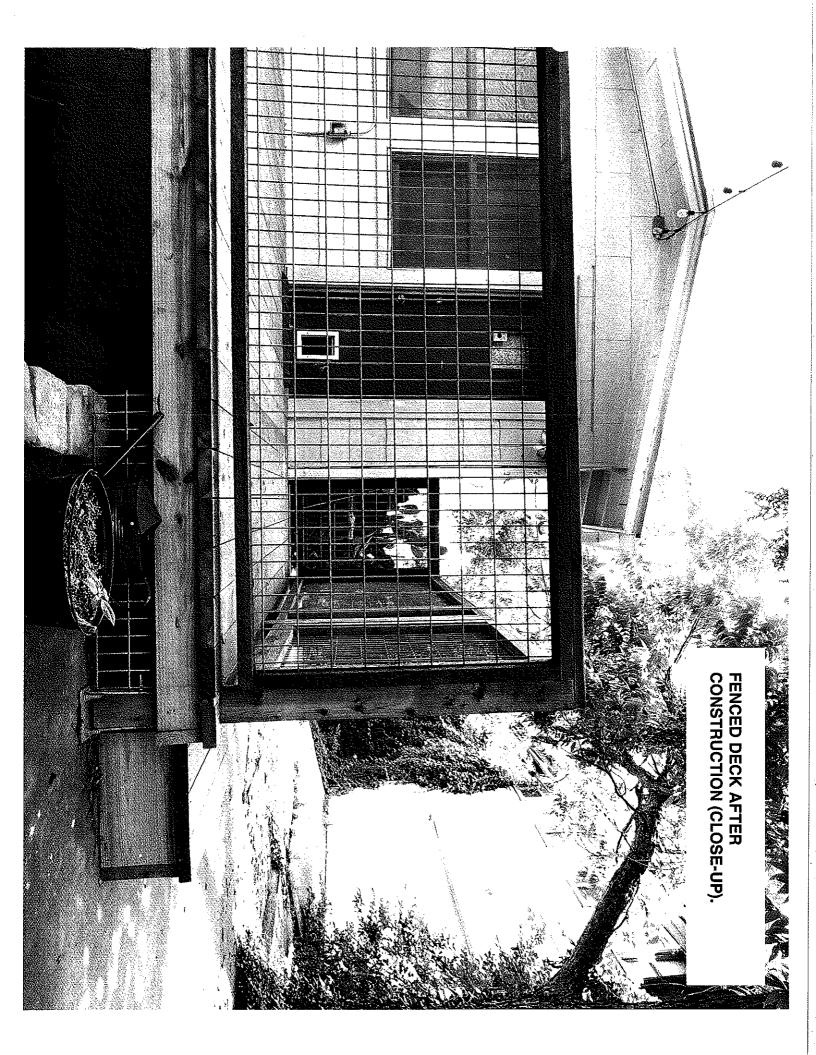


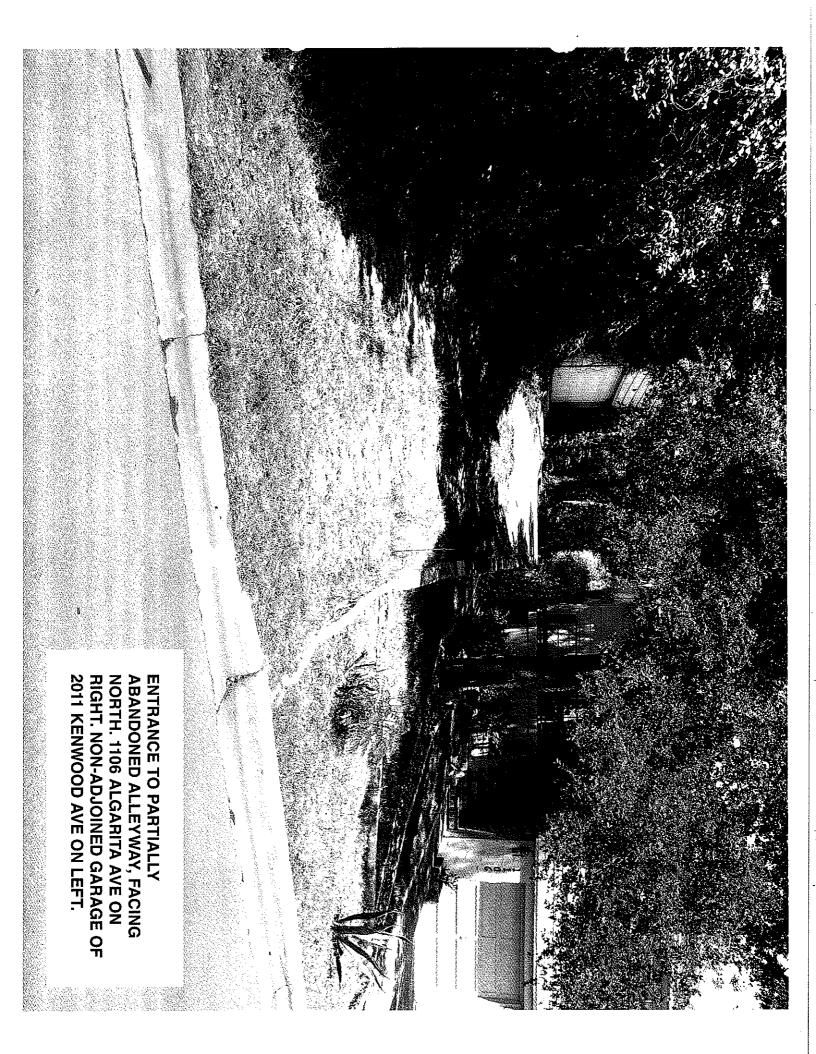


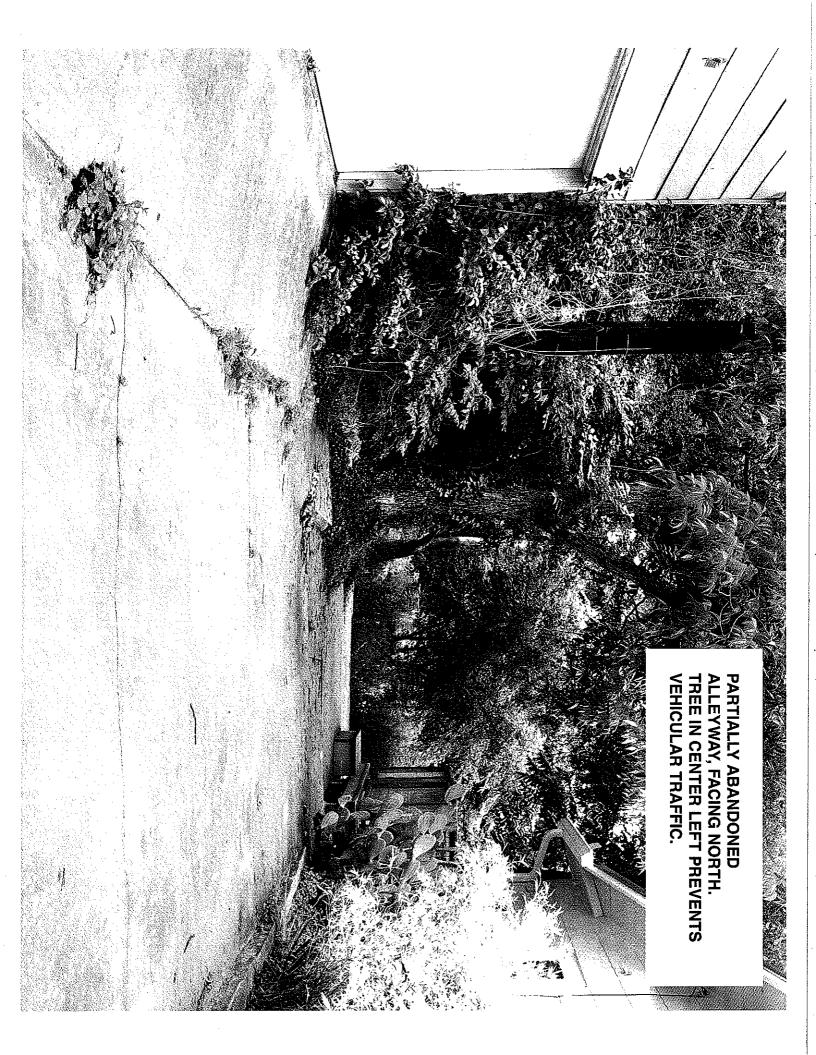


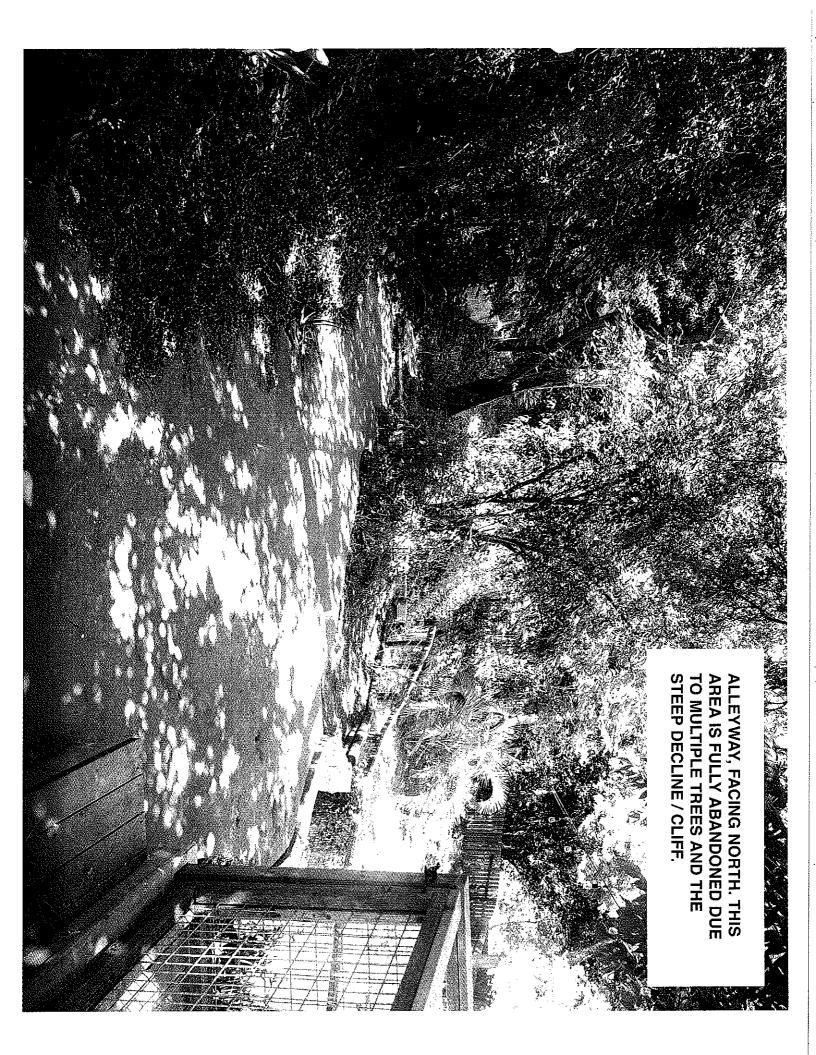


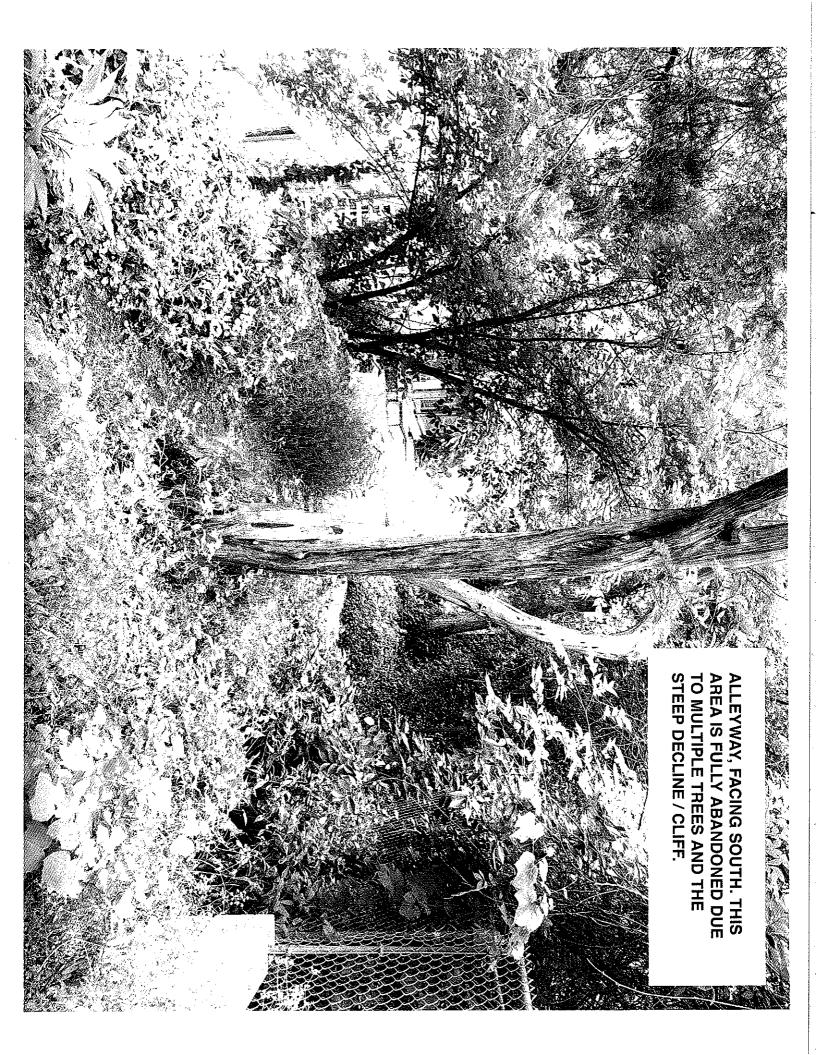


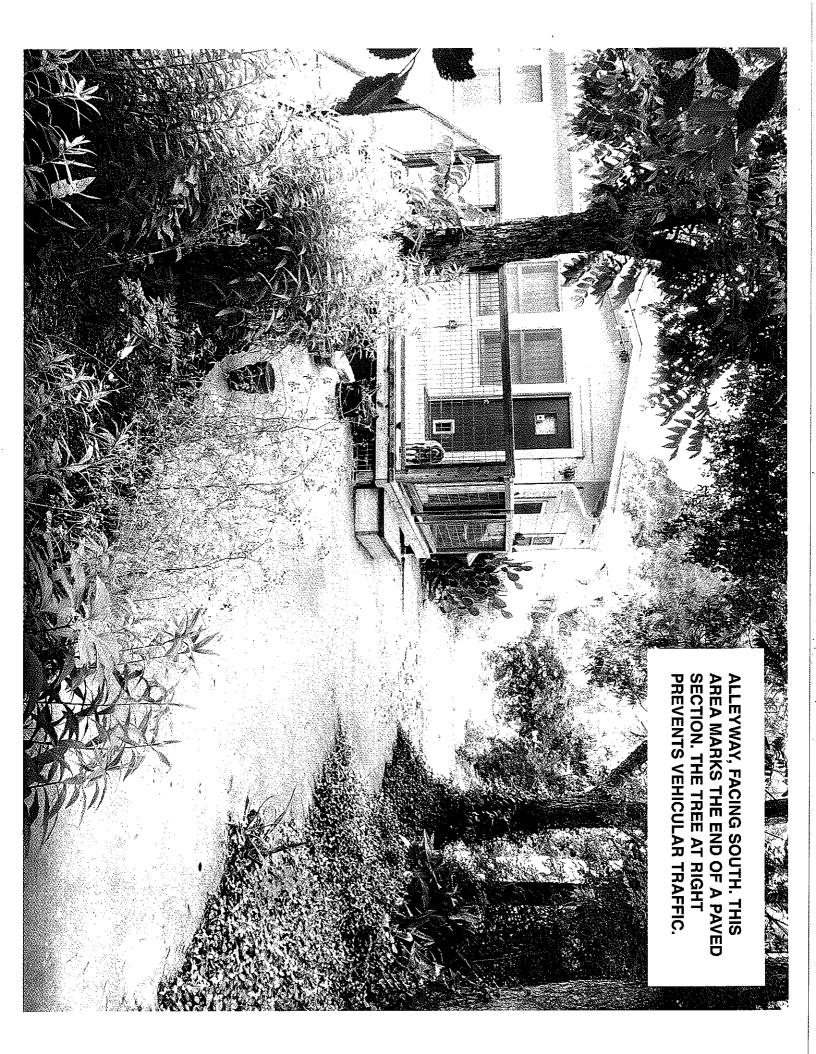


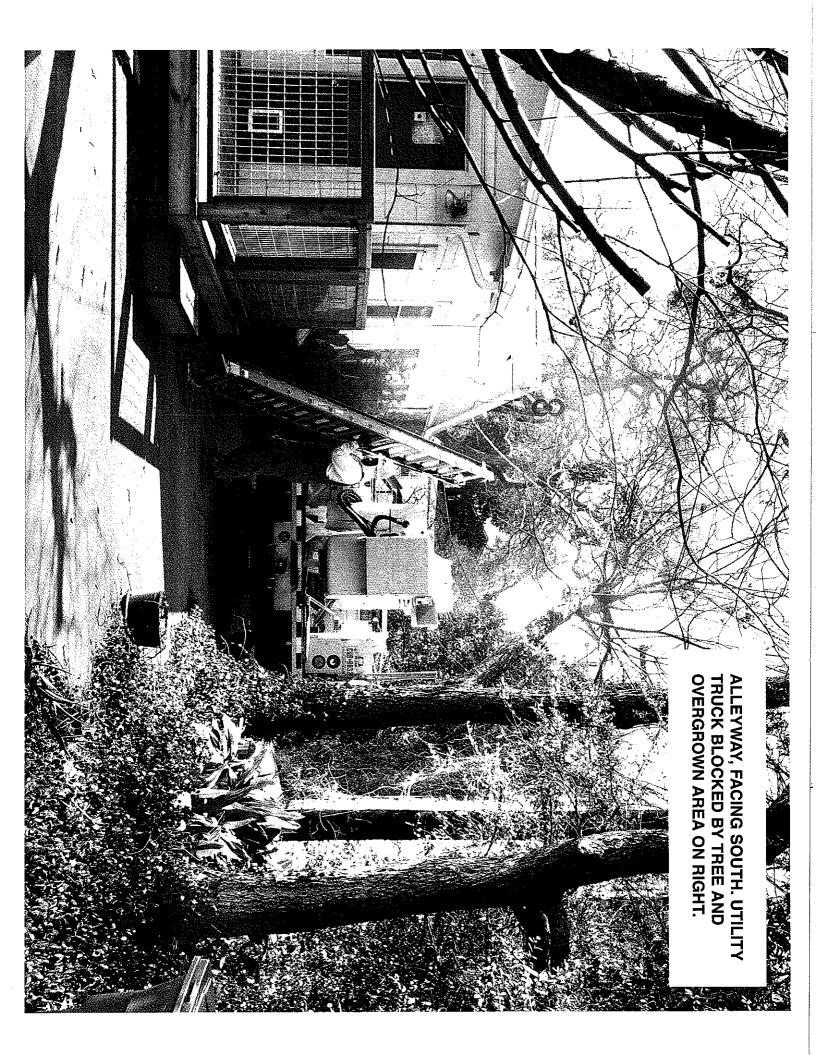


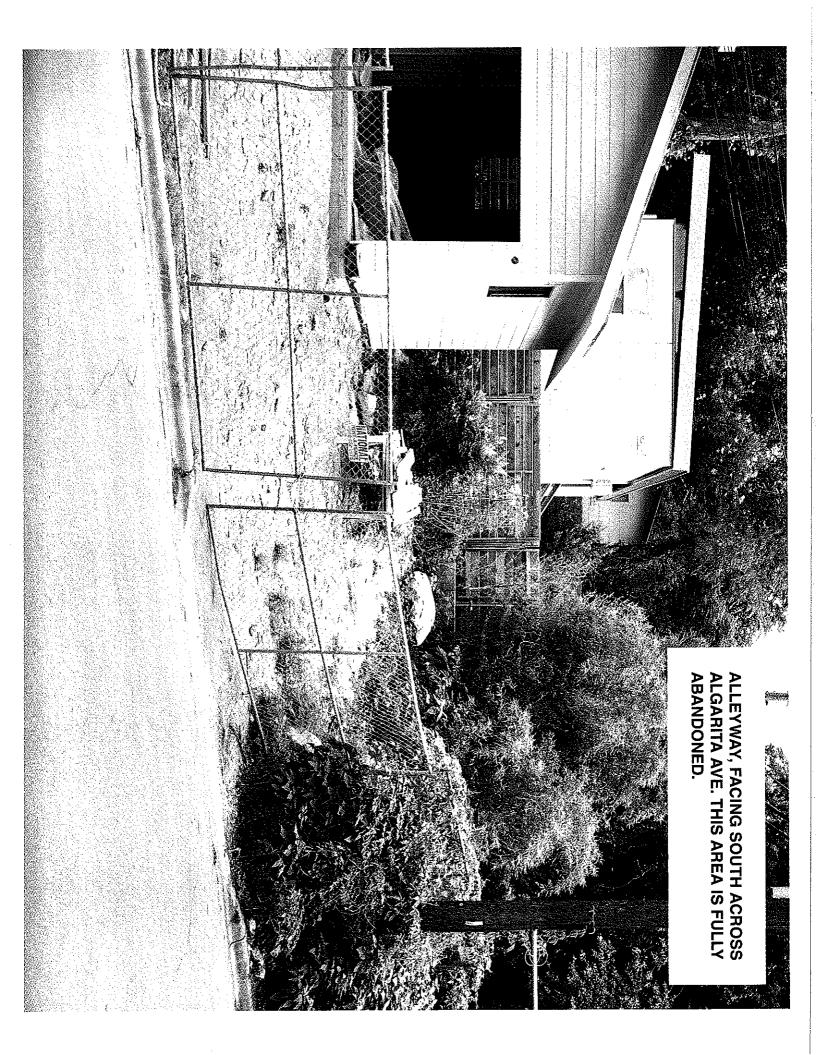












CASE# (15-2014-0117 ROW# 11199759 TAX# 0304020407

CITY OF AUSTIN APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT GENERAL VARIANCE/PARKING VARIANCE

WARNING: Filing of this appeal stops all affected construction activity.

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| PLEASE: APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED WITH ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION COMPLETED. |
| STREET ADDRESS:_1106 Algarita Ave |
| LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Subdivision Travis Heights |
| Lot(s)_22Block_39OutlotDivision |
| I/We Miranda Wylie + Alex Wright on behalf of myself/ourselves as authorized agent for |
| Miranda Wylie + Alex Wright affirm that on July 28, 2014 hereby apply for a |
| hearing before the Board of Adjustment for consideration to: |
| (check appropriate items below and state what portion of the Land Development Code you are seeking a variance from) |
| ERECT ATTACH COMPLETE _x REMODEL MAINTAIN |
| We request a variance for a 156 square foot fenced deck that extends from our back door as |
| a way to securely fence our property. (See Photo A.) The deck is within our property line, |
| but is not 5 feet from the side property line due to pre-existing concrete slab and stairs |
| under the deck that would not support secure footings. (See Survey and Photos A, B and C.) |
| in a <u>SF-3NP</u> district. (SOUTH LIME CITY) (zoning district) |
| NOTE: The Board must determine the existence of, sufficiency of and weight of evidence supporting the findings described below. Therefore, you must complete each of the applicable Findings Statements as part of your application. Failure to do so may result in your application being rejected as incomplete. Please attach any additional support documents. |

VARIANCE FINDINGS: I contend that my entitlement to the requested variance is based on the following findings (see page 5 of application for explanation of findings):

REASONABLE USE:

1. The zoning regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use because:

We could not securely fence the property along a portion of the border with the disused alley due to the unique topography that places our property line along a cliff. An elevated fenced deck with stairs to our yard provided the only reasonable solution. We could not construct the fenced deck more than 5 feet from the property line due to pre-existing concrete slab and stairs that would not support secure footings.

HARDSHIP:

2. (a) The hardship for which the variance is requested is unique to the property in that:

The unique layout of our property as it relates to the adjacent abandoned alleyway resulted in an inability to securely fence our property for the containment and protection of our toddler and dog. Previously, our back door opened into an alleyway with no barrier to keep our dog or child from walking into the street. We could not fence across the alleyway, and the unique topography of our property is such that our back yard is 20' below our back door with a steep incline and cliff along one side that prevented any reasonable fencing. (See City Of Austin Development Web Map). The best solution was to fence our yard at our property line where possible, keep the alleyway open, and re-direct the traffic of people and pets to remain safely on our property with the construction of a fenced deck and stairs.

The fenced deck had to be built on top of a pre-existing concrete slab and stairs that are not 5 feet from the side property line. Furthermore, the back door is 5 feet 10 inches from the side property line. The secure footing of the deck was built as far from the side property line as was safe without coming too close to the edge of the previous stairs. Due to the placement of this pre-existing slab and stairs, the fenced deck could not be safely constructed more than 5 feet from the side property line along the alleyway.

It should be noted that although deemed an alleyway, the city no longer maintains the area

and a car can no longer drive all the way though the alleyway. Utility lines exist in the alleyway. However, only a quarter of the alleyway (entering on Algarita) can be driven through due to multiple trees, overgrown brush, and a steep incline/cliff in the right of way. When the city workers or various contractors need to service the utility lines, they drive as far up the right of way as they can, stopping at the first tree growing in the alleyway, park the truck, and walk a ladder to the utility lines located in the alleyway brush. The location of our deck does not infringe on access to the right of way.

South of Algarita Ave, the alleyway has been completely taken over by the adjacent properties and a car can no longer drive through any portion of the alleyway.

(b) The hardship is not general to the area in which the property is located because:

Our property is the only lot on our block with such a set of unique circumstances. 1107 Mariposa Drive also shares their side property line with the alleyway. However, the back door does not open to the alleyway and the backyard does not have a cliff.

AREA CHARACTER:

3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purpose of the regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located because:

The deck and fence was built by Capitol Fence, a company who prides themselves on working with many homeowners in Travis Heights. The design and craftsmanship of the deck and fence - red cedar and bullwire - are in keeping with the neighborhood character. (See letters signatures and letters from our neighbors who are in support of the deck). The deck is entirely within our property and the serviceable portion of the alleyway is entirely clear to neighbor's use.

PARKING: (Additional criteria for parking variances only.)

Request for a parking variance requires the Board to make additional findings. The Board may grant a variance to a regulation prescribed Section 479 of Chapter 25-6 with respect to the number of off-street parking spaces or loading facilities required if it makes findings of fact that the following additional circumstances also apply:

- 1. Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonable require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specific regulation because:
- 2. The granting of this variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets because:

3. The granting of this variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this Ordinance because:

The fenced deck does not restrict foot traffic or vehicular traffic. The fenced deck does not interfere with any public utilities.

4. The variance will run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site because:

NOTE: The Board cannot grant a variance that would provide the applicant with a special







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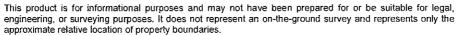
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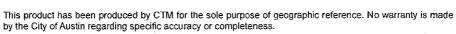
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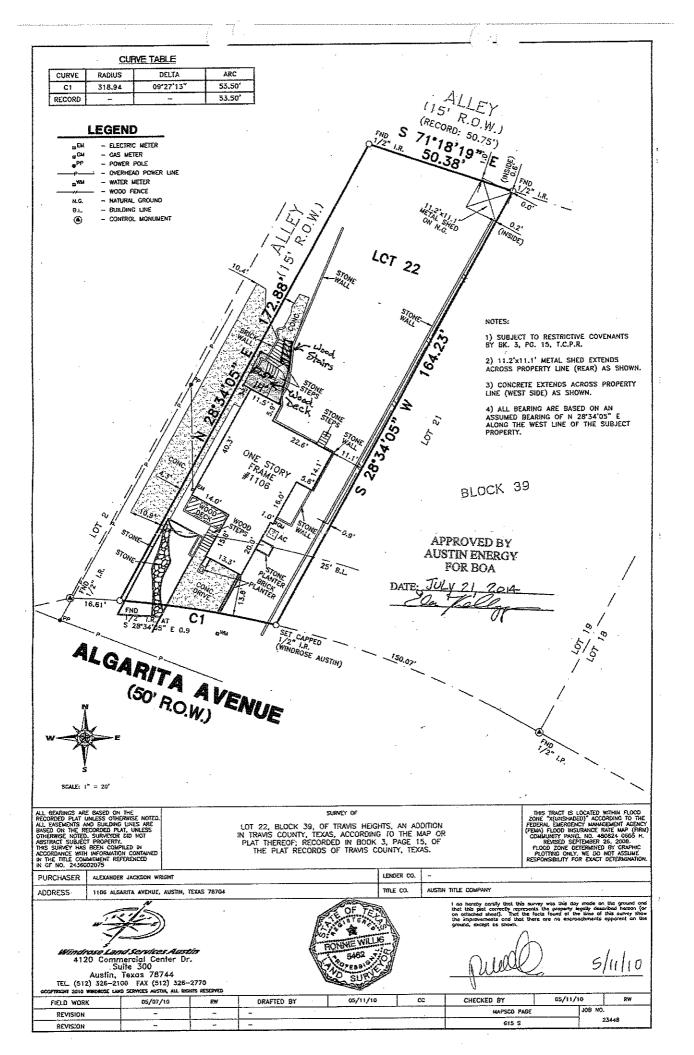
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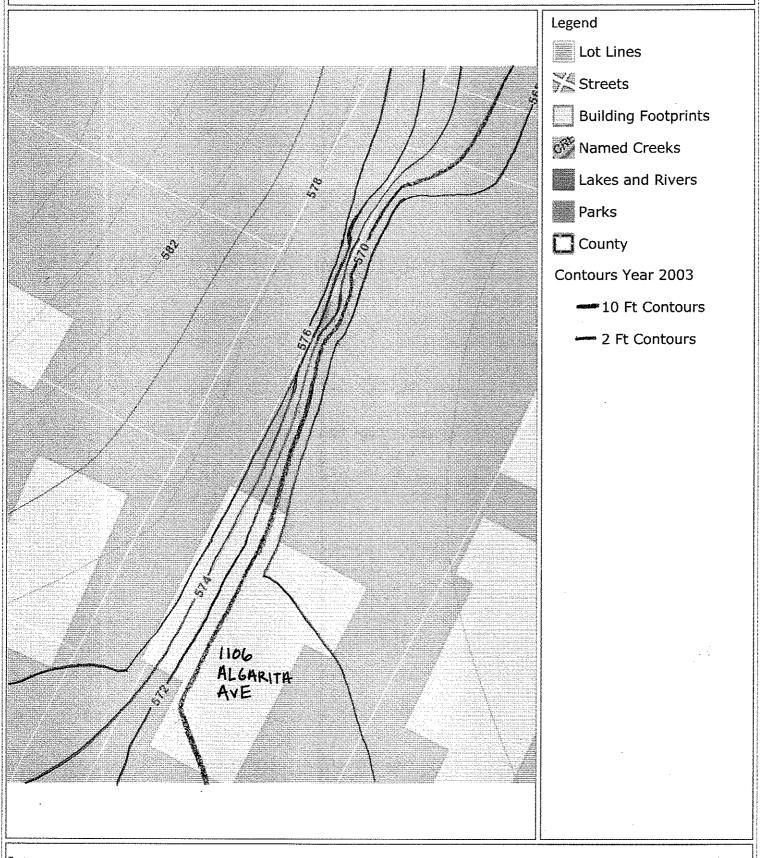




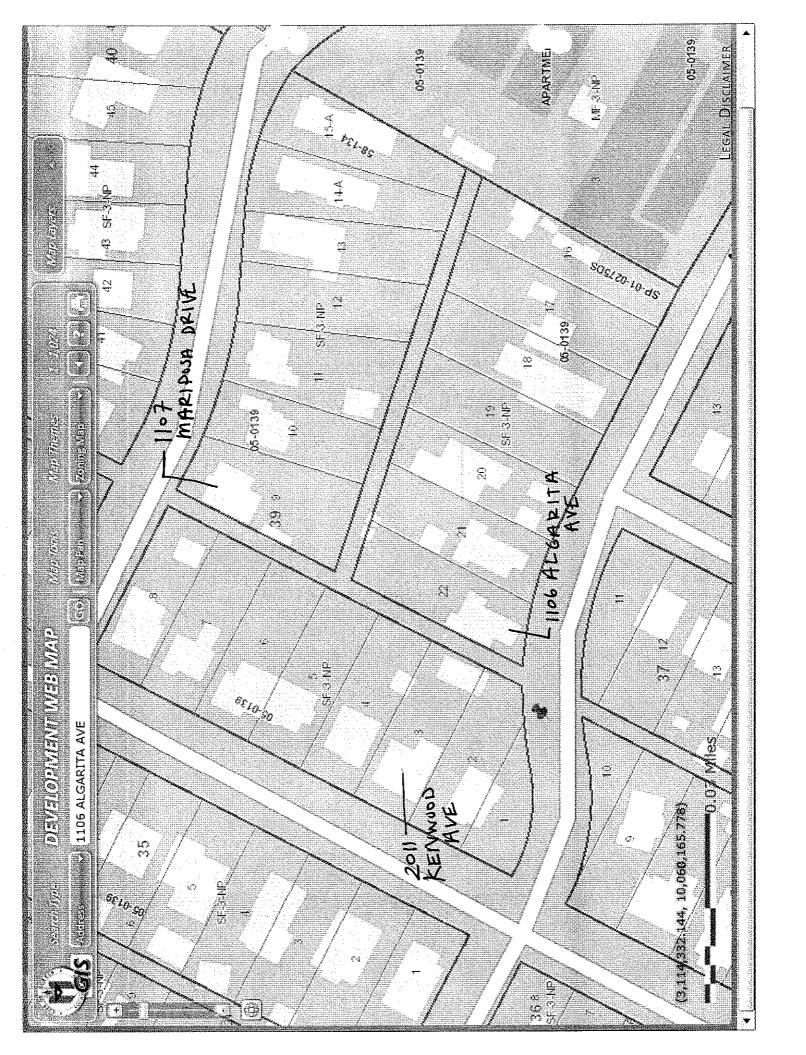




CITY OF AUSTIN DEVELOPMENT WEB MAP



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MIRANDA WYCIE

of the Land I, HLEXCRIGHT, am applying for a variance from the Board of Adjustment regarding Section Development Code. The variance would allow me the ability to maintain the deck at my backdoor

that ferres off My property.

By signing this form, I understand that I am declaring my support for the variance being requested.

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| Property Owner Name (Printed) | - | | | | | • | | |

Jesse & Kristan Lovelace 1110 Algarita Ave. Austin, TX 78704

June 1, 2014

To whom it may concern:

We are writing to you as nextdoor neighbors of Alex Wright and Miranda Wylie concerning the new deck they have built in their backyard.

As neighbors, we knew it was only a matter of time before they would need some sort of safety barrier between their 2-year-old and the road/alley. They also have a cocker spaniel, Benny, who even though is well-behaved and quick to come when he's called, could wander off and potentially get hurt on our busy street. Therefore, when we saw the construction of the deck begin, we immediately understood why it was necessary, and we would have done the same had we been them. As much as we enjoyed the occasional visit from a wandering pup, we knew ultimately something had to be done to keep everyone safe and contained.

We believe that the new deck is an important addition and will ensure the safety of their young son Wylie and their friendly dog Benny. We also believe that the deck is tasteful, and well designed to fit the house and the neighborhood.

Best regards,

Jesse & Kristan

To Whom It May Concern:

I own the house at 1107 Mariposa Drive, directly behind the home of Alex and Miranda Wright. Alex and Miranda Wright recently built a deck off of the rear of their home. It was built adjacent to a city easement which runs past both of our houses. The deck does not impede upon my or anyone else's use of the easement, and was built with laws, aesthetics and the overall good of the neighborhood in mind. Alex and Miranda are incredibly responsible people and the best neighbors I could ask for. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any further assistance in ensuring that this matter is handled swiftly and properly.

Sincerely,

Sebastian Pfeiffer 1107 Mariposa Drive

Austin, TX 78704

(512) 970.7836

spfeiffer@kgsr.com

To:

City of Austin

From: Kris Asthalter, 2005 Kenwood Avenue, Austin 78704

Re:

1106 Algarita Avenue, Austin 78704 Variance Request

Date: May 28, 2014

Our backyard neighbors, Miranda Wylie and Alex Wright, have a deck that runs up to their property line which also happens to be a COA alley. This same alley runs behind our house and is overgrown with trees and shrubs and hasn't been used except by city workers on foot in the twenty-one years we've lived in our house. The deck was built to safeguard the couple's young son and their dog and is a reasonable solution to a challenging site. I feel that they have come up with a design that is both attractive and efficient without negatively impacting any of the adjacent neighbors.

Kris Osthalla

May 25, 2014

Mike Poole 2009 Kenwood Ave Austin, TX 78704

Dear Mike,

As you recall from our conversations last fall, we have been working to secure our backyard for the safety of our toddler and dog. The fence and deck that we built was constructed to balance what we understood were the priorities of our neighbors and the layout of our property's relationship to the alleyway.

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We are happy with the deck and fence and hope it has not been a bother to you in any way. If it is a bother, please let us know. We understand that we may be asking this too late as the deck has been built. I did feel confident from our last conversation that as long as the alleyway was clear you were in support. We welcome you to come by to review the fence and deck and to discuss any concerns.

If you are in support of the deck, we ask a kind favor of you. Would you write a letter of support that we may present to the Board of Adjustments?

Sincerely,

Miranda Wylie and Alex Wright 1106 Algarita Ave Austin, TX 78704 917.923.7175 May 25, 2014

Jim Davis 2011 Kenwood Ave Austin, TX 78704

Dear Jim,

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Miranda Wvile <mcwvile@gmail.com>

1106 Algarita

2 messages

Jean mather @angather3@gmail@mail

Thu, Aug 7, 2014 at 8:23 PM

To: leane.heldenfels@austintexas.gov

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Dear Leane,

Would you please pass this on to the BOAD? Jean

Board of Adjustment City of Austin

Dear Board Members:

The SRCC Zoning Committee met with Miranda Wylie on July 22. We then visited the site and agreed that she has a serious hardship. The Wylie property sides on an alley which is on the edge of a cliff. An old concrete stairway (now grandfathered we assume) gave access to the alley. In building a new little deck to connect to the alley but also to a stairway running along the side of the cliff down to the back yard, the contractor realized that he needed a firmer support for that end of deck and rested it 2 feet plus or minus into the five foot setback.

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Jean Mather, Chair Zoning Committee SRCC

Thu, Aug 7, 2014 at 8:26 PM

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Wiranda Wylle <mcwylle@gmail.com>

1106 Algarita Ave.

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Kellogg, Eben < Eben. Kellogg@austinenergy.com>

To: Miranda Wylie Convolice Constant Com>

Cc: "Heldenfels, Leane" < Leane. Heldenfels@austintexas.gov>

Mon, Jul 21, 2014 at 11:39 AM

Miranda Wylie & Alex Wright

1106 Algarita Ave.

Austin, TX 78704

Re:

1106 Algarita Ave.

Lot 22, Block 39

Travis Heights Addition

Book 3, Pg. 15

P.R.T.C.TX

Dear Miranda,

July 21, 2014

Austin Energy (AE) has reviewed your application for a variance from the five (5') foot sideline setback, in order to maintain an existing deck, which has been constructed within said setback. Austin Energy does not oppose this application as requested in reference to said setback, as shown on the attached red-stamped sketch, provided any proposed and existing improvements are in compliance with Austin Energy clearance criteria requirements, the National Electric Safety Code and OSHA. Any removal or relocation of existing electric facilities will be at owners/applicants expense.

Thank you for checking with us in advance. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Eben Kellogg

Austin Energy

Heldenfels, Leane

From:

Jean mather Ammathe Grandiscolors

Sent:

Thursday, August 07, 2014 8:24 PM

To:

Heldenfels, Leane

Cc:

Miranda Wylie; Kent SRCC; Russell Fraser; Marc Davis; David Swann; Garret Nick

Subject:

1106 Algarita

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